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SECRETARY OF STATE**

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CHAPTER 120

HOUSE BILL 2834

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 5-221, 5-222 AND 5-225, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING
TO THE ARIZONA STATE BOXING COMMISSION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 5-221, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

5-221. Definitions

In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Boxing" means the act of attack and defense with the fists, using padded gloves, that is practiced as a sport. Where applicable, boxing includes ~~kick-boxing~~ KICKBOXING.

2. "Commission" means the Arizona state boxing commission.

3. "Contest" means any boxing contest, match or exhibition.

4. "Department" means the Arizona department of racing.

5. "Director" means the director of the Arizona department of racing.

6. "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION.

~~6. 7. "Kick-boxing KICKBOXING" means a form of boxing in which blows are delivered with any part of the arm below the shoulder, including the hand, and any part of the leg below the hip, including the foot.~~

~~7. "Nontraditional fighting contest" means any competition between two or more persons, with or without gloves, who use any combination of fighting skills, including boxing, wrestling, hitting, kicking, martial arts and other combative full contact techniques. Nontraditional fighting contests include ultimate fighting, extreme fighting and shoot fighting but do not include kick-boxing or any recognized martial arts competition.~~

8. "Professional" means any person who competes for any money prize or a prize that exceeds the value of thirty-five dollars or teaches or pursues or assists in the practice of boxing as a means of obtaining a livelihood or pecuniary gain.

~~9. "Secretary" means the executive secretary of the commission.~~

~~10. 9. "Tough man contest" means any boxing match consisting of one minute rounds, between two or more persons who use their hands, wearing padded gloves that weigh not less than twelve ounces, or their feet, or both, in any manner. Tough man contest does not include kick-boxing KICKBOXING or any recognized martial arts competition.~~

10. "UNARMED COMBAT" MEANS ANY FORM OF COMPETITION, OTHER THAN BOXING AND KICKBOXING, IN WHICH BLOWS ARE DELIVERED.

Sec. 2. Section 5-222, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

5-222. Application of this chapter; definition

This chapter does not apply to any amateur boxing contest conducted by or participated in by the following institutions or organizations:

1. Any school, community college, college or university or an association or organization composed exclusively of schools, community colleges, colleges or universities when each contestant is a student enrolled in a school, community college, college or university. As used in this section, "school, community college, college or university" means every

1 school, community college, college or university and every other school,
2 community college, college or university determined by the state board of
3 education, community college districts as defined in section 15-1401 or the
4 Arizona board of regents to be maintained primarily for the giving of general
5 academic education.

6 2. A government unit or agency of the United States or this state and
7 its subdivisions.

8 3. A nonprofit interstate association or intrastate association in
9 this state which has standards and regulations for the physical safety of the
10 participants at least equal to the requirements of this chapter, including
11 such bona fide amateur associations or organizations.

12 4. A fraternal benefit society as defined in section 20-861.

13 5. Any bona fide private school whose primary purpose is instruction
14 in the martial arts, provided that the contests held in conjunction with such
15 instruction are amateur AND PROVIDED THAT AN ADMISSION FEE IS NOT CHARGED FOR
16 ATTENDANCE.

17 Sec. 3. Section 5-225, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

18 5-225. Regulation of boxing contests, tough man contests and
19 unarmed combat

20 A. All boxing contests are subject to the provisions of this
21 chapter. Every contestant in a boxing contest shall wear padded gloves that
22 weigh at least eight ounces. The commission shall for every contest:

23 1. Direct a deputy to be present.

24 2. Direct the deputy to make a written report.

25 B. All tough man contests, including amateur tough man contests, are
26 subject to the provisions of this chapter. Every contestant in a tough man
27 contest shall wear padded gloves that weigh at least twelve ounces.

28 C. ~~All nontraditional fighting contests~~ UNARMED COMBAT, including
29 amateur ~~nontraditional fighting contests~~ UNARMED COMBAT, are IS subject to
30 the provisions of this chapter. Contestants in ~~nontraditional fighting~~
31 ~~contests~~ UNARMED COMBAT shall not strike other contestants in the spinal
32 column or in the back of the head. Contestants shall not strike with their
33 knees or elbows unless specified by rule. THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH A FEE
34 FOR UNARMED COMBAT EVENTS IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION. IN
35 DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY CONSIDER
36 FACTORS INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF TIME LIKELY TO BE EXPENDED IN PROCESSING THE
37 EVENT APPLICATION AND THE COMPLEXITY OF THE APPLICATION. MONIES THAT ARE
38 DERIVED FROM THE FEES CHARGED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE AVAILABLE
39 TO THE COMMISSION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION OF UNARMED COMBAT,
40 AND THOSE MONIES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO
41 LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
42 THIS AMENDMENT TO THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL BEGIN USING RULES FOR
43 UNARMED COMBAT THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS UNIFIED RULES
44 OF CONDUCT ADOPTED BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE ATHLETIC CONTROL BOARD, WHICH

1 SHALL BE USED UNTIL THE ASSOCIATION OF BOXING COMMISSIONS APPROVES
2 STANDARDIZED RULES THAT ARE IMPLEMENTED IN STATES THAT USE RULES IDENTICAL OR
3 SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE RULES ADOPTED BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE ATHLETIC
4 CONTROL BOARD. NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION PREVENTS A PROMOTER OF AN UNARMED
5 COMBAT EVENT IN THIS STATE FROM PROHIBITING SPECIFIC TYPES OF CONDUCT FOR
6 THAT PARTICULAR EVENT THAT ARE ALLOWED UNDER THE RULES ADOPTED BY THE NEW
7 JERSEY STATE ATHLETIC CONTROL BOARD, THE ASSOCIATION OF BOXING COMMISSIONS OR
8 THE ARIZONA STATE BOXING COMMISSION.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 28, 2008.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 28, 2008.

Passed the House March 11, 20 08

by the following vote: 47 Ayes,

12 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Al Swift
Speaker of the House

Norman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate April 21, 20 08

by the following vote: 21 Ayes,

8 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Robert Ball
President of the Senate

Charmaine Bellington
Pro Tempore
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

_____ day of _____, 20 _____

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State

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HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

April 22, 2008,

by the following vote: 50 Ayes,

6 Nays, 4 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House
Norman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

22nd day of April, 2008

at 2:40 o'clock P. M.

Wendy J. Barra
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 28 day of

April, 2008,

at 10:25 o'clock 11 M.

[Signature]
Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 28 day of April, 2008,

at 1:35 o'clock P. M.

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State